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SUBJECT: LABOR COST SHARING PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: TOKYO 19435

1. WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING QS AND AS FOR USE ON IF-
ASKED BASIS HERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION.
QUOTE Q. WE UNDERSTAND THE THE GOJ RECENTLY AGREED TO
SHARE PART OF USFJ'S LOCAL LABOR COSTS. COULD YOU COMMENT
ON THIS AGREEMENT? WILL THIS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE US
COSTS IN JAPAN? A. THE GOJ HAS AGREED TO ASSUME SOME
INDIRECT LOCAL LABOR COSTS HITHERTO BORNE BY THE US FORCES.
THESE INCLUDE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH OPERATING THE LABOR FORCE AND CERTAIN VOLUNTARY
WELFARE PAYMENTS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS. THE AMOUNT IS
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EXPECTED TO TOTAL ABOUT $159 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE
YEARS. THE USG AND GOJ HAVE FOR SOME TIME HAD THE
SUBJECT OF LABOR COSTS UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE US-JAPAN
JOINT COMMITTEE WHICH DEALS WITH PROBLEMS RELATING TO OUR
STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT AND OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN
JAPAN. WE WELCOME THE GOJ DECISION TO ASSUME THESE COSTS
AND CONSIDER THAT THIS ACTION WILL HELP TO STABILIZE THE

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EMPLOYMENT OF USFJ EMPLOYEES IN LIGHT OF THE INCREASINGLY
SEVERE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR MILITARY FORCES

THERE.

2. IF SPOKESMAN IS ASKED FOR OUR JUDGMENT OF THE TALKS
WE WILL SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT WE ENVISAGED THEM FROM
THE OUTSET AS THE BEGINNING OF AN ONGOING PROCESS. THE
RESULTS SO FAR REPRESENTS A START, AND WE WILL BE
CONTINUING TO SEEK WAYS IN WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS MIGHT
COOPERATE TO ALLIVIATE RISING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR
MILITARY PRESENCE. VANCE

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